

## Remarks/Arguments

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the Office Action dated September 11, 2006. In that Office Action Claims 19–26 were allowed, Claims 5–9 and 12–18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, and Claims 4 and 12 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) and further rejected under 35 USC 112.

In response, independent Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to incorporate the essential recitations of cancelled Claims 4 and 11, and also to provide additional recitations intended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. Claims 5 and 12 have been amended to change their dependencies from the cancelled claims to the amended independent claims.

In view of the forgoing amendments, it is submitted that the claims all now distinguish over the prior art and are in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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